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SUBJECT: DEMOCRATIC UNIONISTS ORGANIZE OPPOSITION TO POWELL

1. DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY (DUP) HEADED BY REVEREND IAN PAISLEY IS MAKING SERIOUS EFFORT TO DENY ENOCH POWEELL CANDIDACY IN SOUTH DOWN CONSTITUENCY AT NEXT GENERAL ELECTION. POWELL HAS ALREADY SECURED NOMINATION OF OFFICIAL UNIONIST PARTY AND UNDER OLD UNITED ULSTER UNIONIST COALITION (UUUC) RULES WOULD BE UNOPPOSED BY OTHER UNIONISTS. HOWEVER UUUC IS MORIBUND IF NOT DEAD FOLLOWING UNIONIST ACTION COUNCIL (UAC) STRIKE OPPOSED BY OFFICIAL UNIONISTS AND EXPULSION IAN PAISLEY FROM WESTMINSTER UUUC PARLIAMENTARY GROUP. DUP IS NOW ATTEMPTING ORGANIZE OFFICIAL UNIONIST OPPOSITION TO POWELL IN SOUTH DOWN TO FORCE WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATION.

2. IN ADDITION TO ANTIPATHY BETWEEN PAISLEY AND POWELL THERE SEVERAL REASONS POWELL VULNERABLE (A) HE IS ENGLISH NOT ULSTERMAN (B) HE OEN OF THE MOST VOCAL IN OPPOSING UAC STRIKE. (C) HE IS SUSPECTED OF OPPOSING RETURN OF DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT IN FAVOR OF INTEGRATION, (D) HE REFUSED VOTE AGAINST LABOUR GOVERNMENT IN CLOSE DIVISIONS, (E) HE ADVISED UNIONIST VOTERS
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IN RECENT LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO VOTE ONLY FOR OFFICIAL UNIONIST AND NOT TRANSFER LOWER PREFERENCE VOTES TO CANDIDATES FROM OTHER PARTIES IN COALITION.

3. UNIONIST AGREEMENT ON SINGLE CANDIDATE IS IMPORTANT IN SOUTH DOWN. DIVISION OF VOTES BETWEEN TWO OR MORE UNIONISTS WOULD PROBABLY GIVE SEAT TO SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY.

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